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MEMORANDUM FOR: Frederick P. Hitz
Legislative Counsel

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FROM:

SUBJECT: Justice Department Appropriations Report Language
Regarding Denial of Visas to Foreign Intelligence
Officers (Bloc)

1. The undersigned conferred with [Redacted] of the DDO and Mr. Wenk of the Department of Justice regarding the ramifications of the Justice Appropriations Report Language (Senate) which requires the Immigration and Naturalization Service, under the Attorney General of the United States, to keep out or expel certain classes of intelligence operatives attempting to "legally" enter or already within the U.S.

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2. Both CIA and Justice are seriously concerned about this provision as its deleterious effect on CIA officers abroad is more than problematic and, in light of past similar experience, could be disastrous.

3. Plans: I, along with at least one representative of the DDO (if possible) will meet with Mr. Wenk and Associate on Monday morning, 7 August. We will discuss in detail the issues and then depart for (an as yet unscheduled) meeting that afternoon with the principal staffers involved in preparation of the Senate report. Following that we intend to tentatively meet with House staffers in order to ensure that the Conference Report does not reflect the Senate version, mentioned above.

4. I would be happy to discuss this with you further tomorrow afternoon when we meet to go to the White House if you so desire. In any event I will keep you apprised of developments.

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